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LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT E. CUSHMAN, JR., USMC

Robert Everton Cushman, Jr. was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on December 24, 1914. He attended Central High School there, and at sixteen was appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy. Upon graduation from the Academy with distinction in June 1935, he was commissioned a Marine second lieutenant. He attained the rank of Lieutenant General on June 1, 1967.

After graduation from the Marine Officer's Basic School, Lt. Cushman served at the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, California; as a platoon commander in the 4th Marines and later the 2nd Marine Brigade in Shanghai, China; at naval shipyards in Brooklyn, New York and Portsmouth, Virginia; and with the Marine Detachment at the New York World's Fair.

In June 1941, Captain Cushman was assigned as Commanding Officer of the Marine Detachment aboard the USS PENNSYLVANIA, and was serving in this capacity when the Japanese attacked the ship and other naval installations at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. In May 1943 he was appointed Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines and for the following two years led his battalion repeatedly into combat in the Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima campaigns.

After returning to the United States, Lt. Colonel Cushman was stationed at Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, where he completed the Senior School, served as an instructor in the Command and Staff School, as Supervisory Instructor in the Amphibious Warfare School, and was then named Head of the Amphibious Warfare Branch, Office of Naval Research, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. Following this he served two years with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Colonel Cushman was then assigned to the Staff of the Commander in Chief, U. S. Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, in London, England and Naples, Italy, serving as Amphibious Plans Officer. In 1954 he joined the faculty of the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia and in 1956 assumed command of the 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Assigned to Washington, D. C. in February 1957, he served four years on the staff of former Vice President Richard Nixon as Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs.

Brig. General Cushman was then assigned as Assistant Division Commander, 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa and, upon promotion to Major General, assumed command of the Division. Returning to the United States, he served as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2; Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3; and Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff at Headquarters Marine Corps. He was then transferred to Camp Pendleton as Commanding General, Marine Corps Base and 4th Marine Division Headquarters Nucleus, and later during that assignment activated and served also as Commanding General, 5th Marine Division.

Ordered to the Far East in April 1967, he served briefly as Deputy Commander, III Marine Amphibious Force, Vietnam and in June, 1967 assumed Command of III Marine Amphibious Force. He was serving in this position when he was nominated by the President on 6 March 1969 as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

A list of the General's decorations includes: Navy Cross; Navy Distinguished Service Medal with Gold Star for 2nd award; Legion of Merit and Bronze Star with combat V's; Navy Commendation Medal; Presidential Unit Citation with two stars; Navy Meritorious Unit Citation; Argentine Naval Medal for Merit; Vietnamese Orders of Merit, 3rd and 4th classes; Vietnamese Distinguished Service Orders, Army and Navy; Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with palm; Vietnamese Presidential Unit Citation; Korean Orders of Merit, Ulchi and Chung Mu decorations.

General Cushman and his wife, the former Audrey Boyce of Portsmouth, Virginia, have two children, Roberta Lind and Robert Everton III.

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